

March 8, 2021

Dear GAE Committee Co-Chairs Sen. Flexer and Rep. Fox, Vice Chairs Sen. Haskell and Rep. Thomas, and Ranking Members Sen. Sampson and Rep. Mastrofrancesco and Members of the GAE Committee,

I am asking you to SUPPORT the following bills:

1017: An Act Concerning Election Administration to make absentee ballot drop boxes permanent and enable voters to request absentee ballots via an online application

6578: An Act Concerning Participation in Electoral Process for automatic voter registration at the DMV and to restore voting rights to parolees.

These bills will make voting easier, more convenient and more accessible to Connecticut residents. This will encourage more residents to participate in voting which will only strengthen our democracy. Using a drop box in the last election was extremely convenient for me and gave me comfort that my ballot did not get lost in the mail. Enabling voters to request absentee ballots via an online application will allow those people without access to a printer to more easily apply and will speed up the process as mail time can be avoided. Cementing into law automatic voter registration at the DMV will ensure that future generations will get registered when they apply for a license. Lastly, parolees should have their voting rights restored. If someone has been granted parole, they should also be granted the right to vote again. Again, I am asking you to support the aforementioned bills and help strengthen our democracy.

Sincerely,

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